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A BILL for the better Regulating the Practice
of Surgery in and about the City of London
and Westminster, and the better Providing Her
Majesties Fleet and Army with Skilful and Able
Surgeons.



Whereas it is found by Experience,
That many Mischiefes and In-
conveniences do daily happen from
the Practice of Ignorant and Un-
skilful Persons in the Science or
Faculty of Surgery, who for want
of sufficient Knowledge in their
Profession, do daily Endanger the
Lives and Limbs of Your Ma-
jesties good Subjects; For A-
voiding of all which Mischiefes and
Inconveniences, and for the bet-
ter Supply of Your Majesties Royal Navy and Armies
for the future, with Able and Skilful Surgeons, May
it Please Your Majesty, That it may be Enacted; And
be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty,
by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spi-
ritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Par-
liament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same,
That from and after the Day of next ensuing, no Person or Persons whatsoever shall
or may Practise in any Part of Surgery within the
City of London, nor within Miles distant
from the same, unless such Person or Persons shall first
have passed an Examination at Barbers and Surgeons
Hall, within the said City of London, by
Examiners accustomarily appointed by the said Company,
or by of them (whereof One of the Gover-
nors a Surgeon for the time being to be One) and
without having first obtained a Diploma from the
Company, under their Common Seal, Certifying, That
such Person or Persons have or hath passed such Ex-
amination, according to the Usage and Custom
of said Company; And that he or They is or are then
Skilled and Learned in the Art or Faculty of Surgery,

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person and Persons who shall after the said

Day of next, have passed such Examination, and obtained such a Diploma, as aforesaid, is and are hereby made Capable, and shall be adjudged and deemed to be duly Qualified to Practise in the Art or Faculty of Surgery.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Person or Persons shall at any time after the said

Day of Practise in any part of Surgery (Drawing of Teeth excepted) within the said City of London, or within Miles of the same, without having passed such Examination, and obtained such Diploma, as aforesaid ; Then every such Person and Persons so Practising, shall for every such Offence, Forfeit and Pay the Sum of

One thereof to the Queen our Sovereign Lady and her Successors, and the other thereof to any Person or Persons that shall or will Sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaist or Information in any of her Majesties Courts of Record at Westminster, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege or Wager of Law shall be admitted or allowed in the same, nor any more than one Impar-

lance.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Examiners shall not refuse to Examine any Person or Persons, who shall at Barbers and Surgeons Hall, at usual and proper times, desire to be Examined in the Science or Faculty of Surgery, in order to obtain such Diploma, as aforesaid.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawful to and for any Nobleman or Peer of this Realm, to Retain, Have, and Keep in his House, as his Servant, any Person being a Surgeon, or Practising as such, who shall and may Use and Exercise the Art and Faculty of Surgery in his Masters House, upon any of his Masters Family only ; Any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said

Day of no Person or Persons shall be admitted into Her Majesties Army in the Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, nor shall any Person or Persons be admitted on Board any of her Majesties Ships of War from any Port of England, to serve as Surgeon or Surgeons Mate, until he or they shall

shall have been first Examined, and obtained a Certificate of his or their Ability, according to the Custom of the said Company; And that every Person or Persons Offending therein, shall for every such Offence Forfeit and Pay the Sum of ^{the one} thereof to the Queens Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and the other ^{thereof} to any Person or Persons that shall or will Inform or Sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaintiff or Information in any of Her Majesties Courts of Record at Westminster, wherein no Privilege, Wager of Law, Essoign or Protection shall be admitted or allowed, or any more than one Imparllance.

Provided, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not any ways Prejudice the Two Universities of this Realm, the College of Physicians of London, or any Powers or Privileges to them, or any, or either of them, of Right belonging; Nor shall extend to hinder any Gentleman, or other Person, from Using Surgery without Fee or Reward.

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